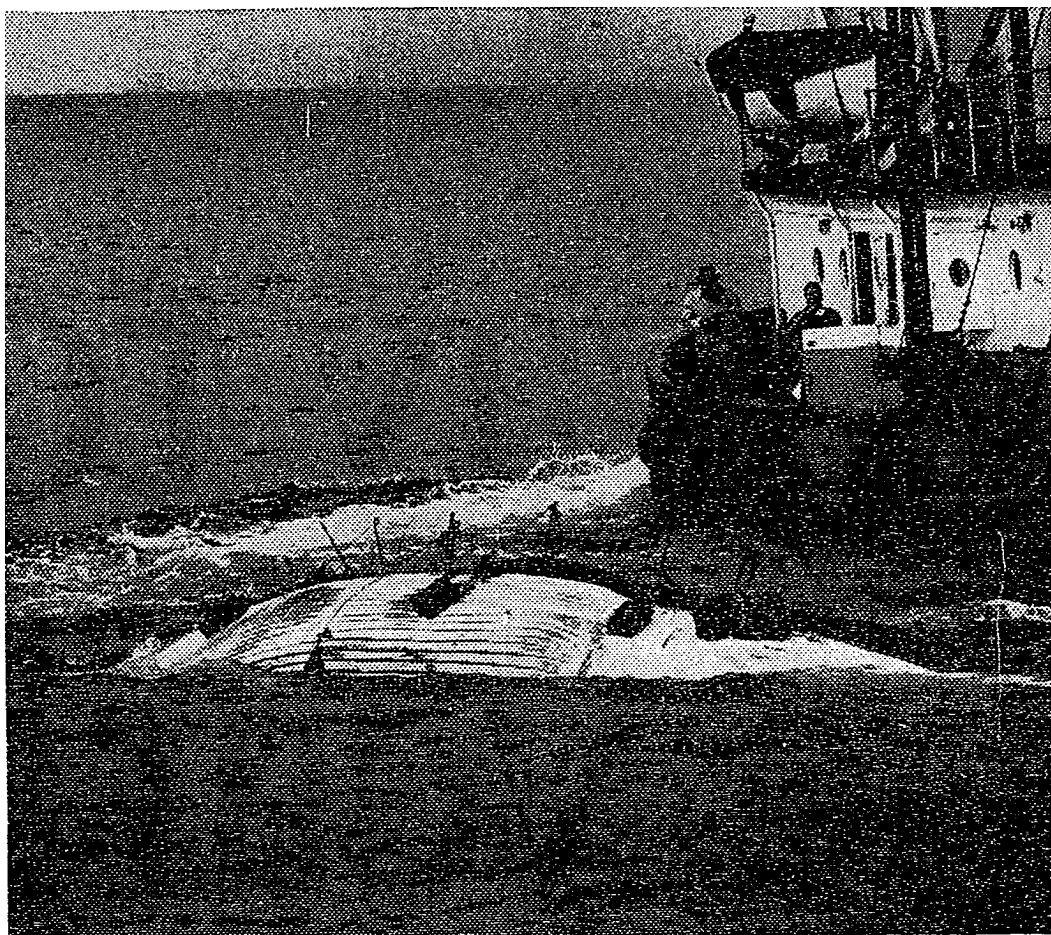


Whale Found in Hudson Towed to Sea and Blown Up



The New York Times (by Edward Hausner)

Whale's carcass floats free of Army lighter after being strapped with explosives

A Navy demolition team yesterday sank a 52-foot whale that was found dead in the Hudson River near the 79th Street marina Thursday.

The carcass was towed to a point 35 miles southeast of New York, where Navy men strapped 500 pounds of explosives to the whale's flukes and dorsal fin.

The whale had been declared a menace to navigation by the Army Corps of En-

gineers, which is responsible for keeping inland waterways free from obstructions.

The Coast Guard cutter Port Batan guided the whale to deep water, and the Navy ordinance disposal team-abroad tried to force 25-foot sections of rubber pipe filled with explosives inside the whale. The flexible 3-inch hose did not penetrate deeply enough, however, so the Navy team lashed 10 lengths of the hose to the whale.

Spectators aboard the cutter, including scientists from the Stevens Institute of Technology and several newsmen, watched Dr. Salvatore Stivala, a chemist, collect more than 150 pounds of whale lungs and intestines. He said the organs contained high molecular sugars, which are extracted from the tissue and studied for possible use in the treatment of heart disease.